# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
# LOK SABHA

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National Lake Conservation Programme
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of lakes covered under National Lake Conservation Programme;

(b) whether Powai Lake in Mumbai which is facing a major issue of pollution is included under the said programme and if so, the works undertaken in this regard;

(c) whether local activists and the peoples representative have brought to the notice of Government the pollution problem including discharge of sewer water into the Powai Lake;

(d) if so, the measures proposed to be adopted in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government has any plan for beautification of lakes in the country including Powai Lake and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a)The National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) has been merged in February, 2013 with another scheme of National Wetlands Conservation Programme (NWCP) to avoid overlap and promote better synergy into a new integrated scheme of National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic- Eco-systems (NPCA) for holistic conservation and restoration of lakes and wetlands in the country. State wise details of lakes covered under the NPCA/NLCP programme are at Annexure.

(b) Powai lake in Mumbai is covered under the NPCA/NLCP programme and a project of 'Restoration and Conservation of Powai Lake' has already been implemented by Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) at a cost of Rs. 4.70 crore, under which conservation activities relating to bioremediation of lake, de-weeding, de-sludging, aeration system for lake, chain link fencing, monitoring, etc. were taken up.

(c) and (d) Recently, representations regarding deterioration of Powai lake received from local activists and public representative were referred to the concerned authorities in the Government of Maharashtra and BMC. In turn, the BMC informed that a consultant has been appointed to undertake the task of working out various options for stopping ingress of sewage into Powai lake as well as its beautification and long term conservation and management.

(e) This Ministry has so far sanctioned projects for conservation of 63 lakes in 14 States at a total cost of Rs.1096.09 crores under the NPCA/NLCP, and an amount of Rs. 674.462 crore has been released for the sanctioned projects as per details given in Annexure. No fresh proposal for conservation, management and beautification of Powai lake has so far been received from Government of Maharashtra under NPCA.

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